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# PENNSYLVANIA Master Plan for Older Adults

A 10-year strategic plan designed to help transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for Pennsylvania's older adults.



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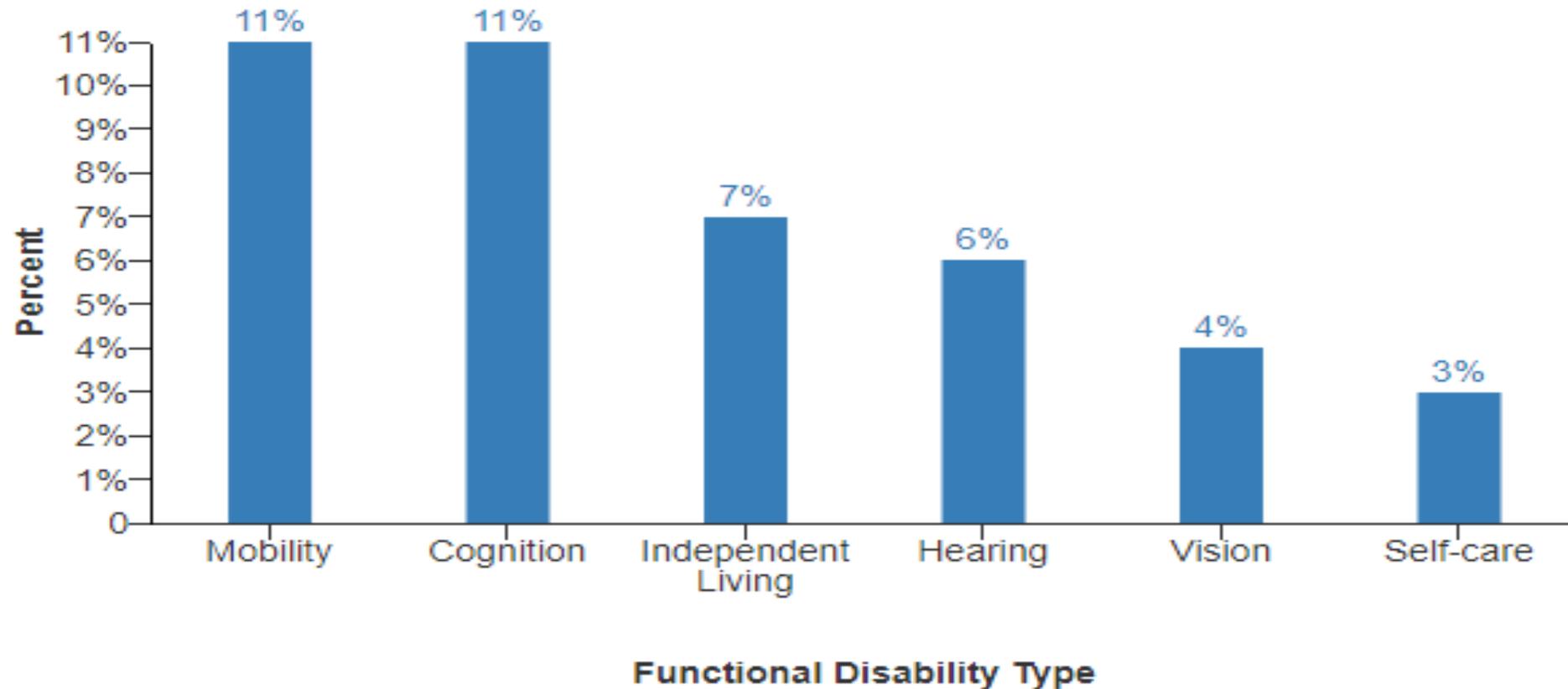
# Master Plan for Older Adults Overview

- On May 25, the Governor signed Executive Order 2023-09 directing the Pennsylvania Department of Aging to lead the Master Plan for Older Adults.
- A Master Plan for Older Adults (master plan) is a state-led, stakeholder driven, 10-year strategic planning resource that can help states transform the infrastructure and coordination of services for their older adult and disability populations.
- A master plan is particularly valuable to states with aging demographics and a large population of adults with disabilities, like Pennsylvania.
- The development of the master plan will involve evaluating issues facing older Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to identify and develop approaches that promote the health, well-being, and quality of life of Pennsylvania's aging population.

# Why Should Pennsylvania do a Master Plan for Older Adults?

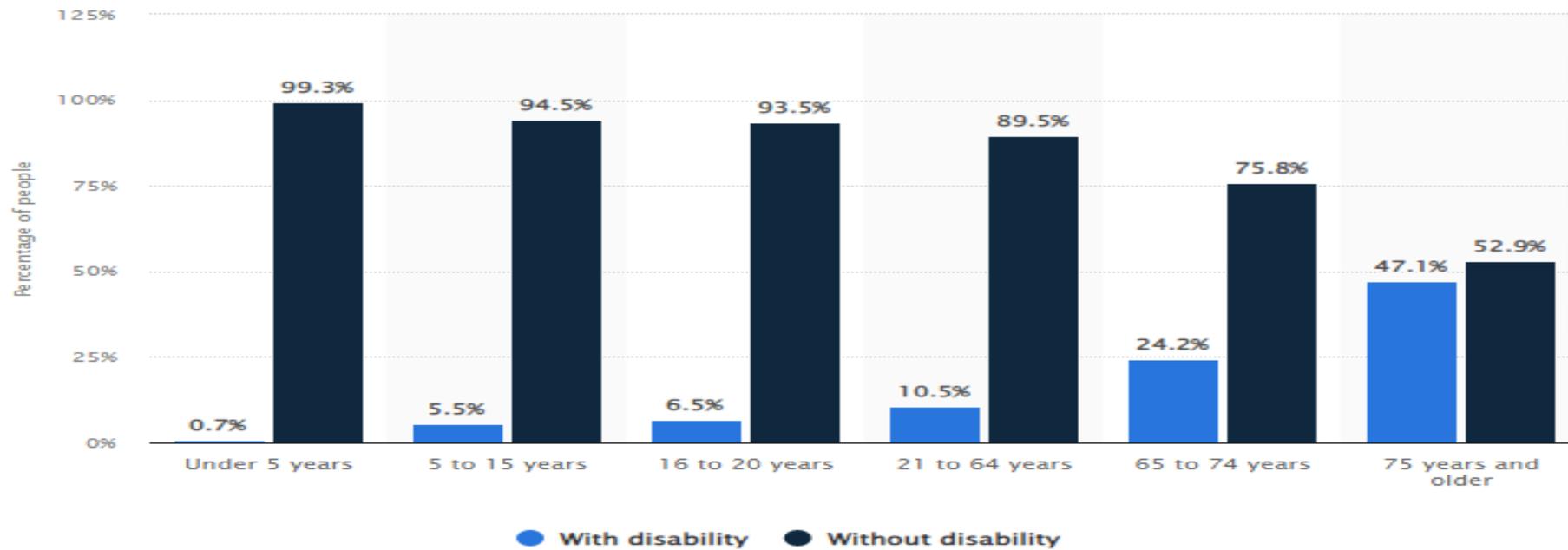
- Pennsylvania expressly values older adults and adults with disabilities and is committed to building and maintaining an age and disability-friendly Commonwealth so that all Pennsylvanians may live with dignity and independence.
- Pennsylvania is ranked fifth among the fifty states by the sheer size of its older adult population (3.4 million) and seventh by percentage (17.8 percent) of the total population. Pennsylvania is ranked third for populations 85 years of age and older.
- Pennsylvania's total older adult population grew from 15.4 percent (1.96 million persons) in 2010 to 17.8 percent (2.27 million persons) in 2020.
- Pennsylvanian adults with disabilities represent 11% of the population in terms of mobility and cognitive challenges, 7% with regard to independent living, 6% regarding hearing impairment, 4% regarding vision impairment, and 3% with regard to self-care.

## Percentage of adults in Pennsylvania with select functional disability types



# Older Adult/Disability Intersectionality

- The prevalence of disabilities is significantly larger with older adults compared to those under the age of 65:



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# Core Tenets



## **Transparency and inclusion**

involving significant stakeholder and public-facing engagement as well as a strong communication plan.



## **Embed diversity, equity, and inclusion in all phases of development**

addressing disparities and promoting equity and inclusion regardless of a person's age, gender, gender expression and gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, economic insecurity, geographic disparity, other marginalized populations not yet identified, and genetic information.



## **Principles of person-centered planning**

valuing older Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvania adults with disabilities holistically with careful consideration to each person's unique needs and preferences.



## **Creation of a living document that will evolve through the 10-year span of the plan**

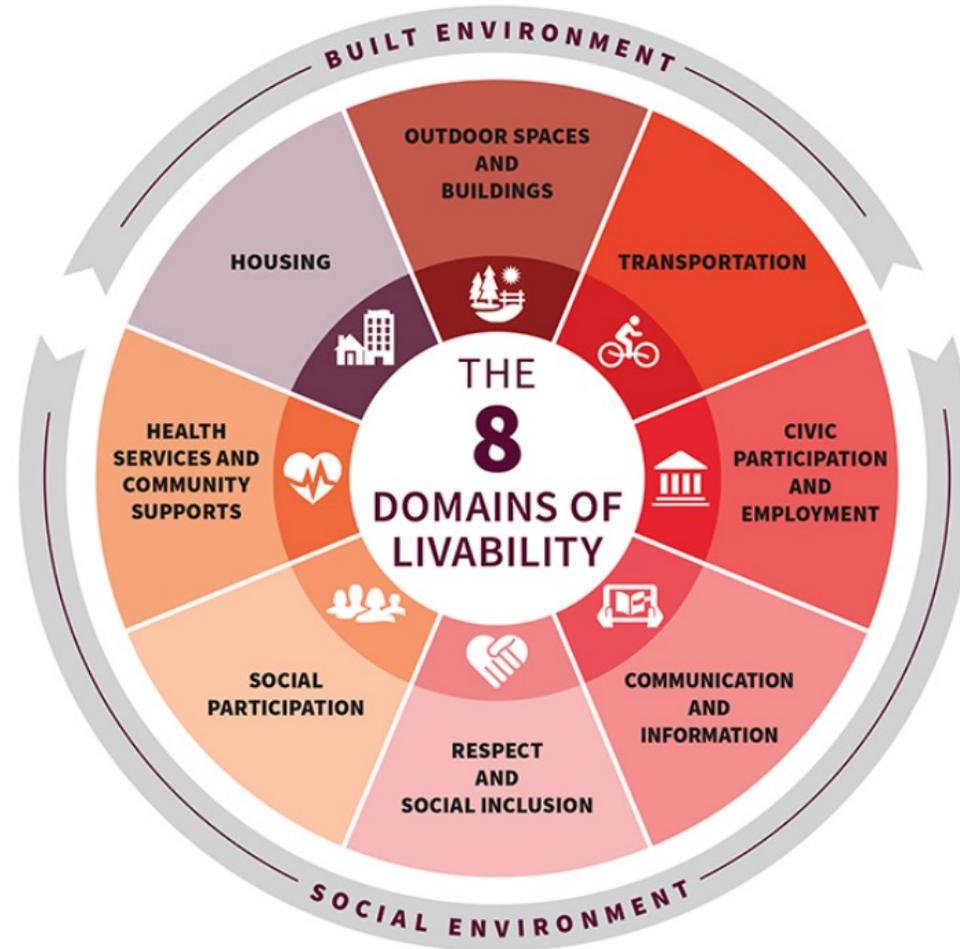
based on the changing needs and preferences of older Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvania adults with disabilities and on emergent events.



## **A reframe of how we think about, talk about and value older adults and adults with disabilities**

to recognize the momentum, experience, longevity, economic contributions, and wisdom of older adults and adults with disabilities and how these individuals add energy, vitality, and possibility to Pennsylvania.

# AARP's 8 Domains for Age-Friendly Communities



# Approach – Gathering Input

The stakeholder engagement process lead by the Department of Aging and arbitrated by the Long-term Care Council and the Governor will involve outreach and requests for input from anyone or any group with an interest or with some interaction toward older adult and disability-related services, programs, and infrastructure.

Outreach will include:

- Regional kickoff sessions in Philadelphia, Altoona, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg.
- Solicitation of general comments for what should be included in the plan via a web form, email, or mail.
- Publication of a white paper for public comment to provide project background.
- Virtual informational and listening sessions that will cover topics related to the plan including, but not limited to: housing, transportation, civic engagement, employment, respect and social inclusion, social participation, health and community supports, outdoor spaces and buildings, and communication and information.
- In person “listening sessions” representing every county in the Commonwealth.
- The use of targeted focus and workgroups oriented toward the development of plan goals, objectives, and initiatives.

# Stakeholder & Public Engagement

**Stakeholder and public engagement will be used to gather input and comments to support the development of master plan. Stakeholders involved in this effort may include:**

- Older Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvania Adults with Disabilities
- Care partners and Caregivers
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Centers for Independent Living
- Veterans
- Direct care workers and their advocates
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based Organizations
- Advocates working with older adults and adults with disabilities
- Health care, Behavioral Health, and LTSS service providers.
- Media
- Law Enforcement Representatives
- Navigators
- Technology-sector organizations
- Housing and transportation entities
- Educational institutions
- Livable community experts including those focused on aging in place
- Civil rights and racial justice groups
- Large and small employers and businesses
- Food and nutrition providers
- Exercise and engagement groups
- Groups connected to the Arts
- Bar Associations
- Financial Institutions
- Retirement and Long-term Planning Entities
- Casinos and other gaming institutions

# Governmental Engagement

The master plan development process will involve and engage all levels of government for input and engagement regarding the Master Plan goals, opportunities, and challenges including:

- County and local government representatives
- Members of the General Assembly and their staff
- Federal partners
- Members of the Executive Branch of State Government specifically those that are engaged with services and programs that intersect with older adults and adults with disabilities

# State Agency Engagement

State Agencies Engaged in this Process will include:

- Administration and Technology
- Agriculture
- Banking
- Community and Economic Development
- Conservation and Natural Resources
- Court System
- Corrections
- Drug and Alcohol Programs
- Education
- Emergency Services
- Environmental Protection
- Governor's Commissions
- Health
- Housing Finance
- Human Services
- Insurance
- Labor and Industry
- Higher Education Financing
- Revenue
- State
- State Police
- Transportation
- Treasury
- Military and Veterans Affairs
- SERS and PSERS
- Public Utility Commission

# After Publication Monitoring

- The master plan will be published on or before February 1, 2024.
- The published master plan will identify “quick wins,” aspirational goals, accountability and measurement, and resources for implementation.
- The master plan will include a public-facing, accessible, and transparent reporting platform to demonstrate how well the Commonwealth is performing against Master Plan goals and objectives, to continue stakeholder engagement, and to identify changes to goals, objectives, and initiatives over time.

3-13-2023

5-25-2023

11-1-2023

12-31-2023

2-1-2024

# Timeline

- Identify MPO Project Manager

- Secure Formal Authority
- Start to identify relevant data sources & involve all levels of government
- MPO multidisciplinary team
- Existing Plan and infrastructure review
- Stakeholder Recommendation Report Development through
- Gather Input through

- Publish MPO before the Governor's Budget Address, 2024
- Measure results and publish "quick wins" and ongoing performance

# Comment Submission

- You are invited to contribute what you think should be the plan's priority goals, objectives, and initiatives to support the highest quality of life for older adults.
- Please use this link for information on ways to submit public comments for the Master Plan: [Master Plan for Older Adults \(pa.gov\)](#)
- You can submit your input by:
  - Mail:  
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c/o Master Plan  
555 Walnut Street, 5th Floor  
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  - Email: [AgingPlan@pa.gov](mailto:AgingPlan@pa.gov)
  - Digital Form: [Click here to access the digital form.](#)

# Questions?



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